Mr. Rangaswamaiengar of Chikballapur and Mr. Chinnappa of Srinivaspur Taluk urged that Taluk Sheristadars should not be entrusted with Magisterial powers. The latter was further of opinion that these powers should be conferred only on officers receiving a large salary. Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya of Mysore stated that graduates who have passed the Local Service Examinations may be appointed Taluk Sub-Registrars and invested with Magisterial powers without any prejudice to the exercise of such powers by Amildars.

Reply of Government.—Amildars cannot be divested of Magisterial powers. They do not try cases investigated by them in their police capacity. Where they have heavy files some relief may be necessary. The question of investing some of the Special Sub-Registrars with Magisterial powers when placed in subordination to Amildars is under consideration. Taluk Sheristadars cannot conveniently be invested with Magisterial powers.

Subject No. 38. Permission for shooting cattle.

Summary of discussion.—Cattle trespassing upon coffee estates should be sent to the pound, like all other similarly offending cattle instead of being shot down as at present. Permission given in general terms to shoot all semi-wild cattle leads to abuse. There are no semi-wild cattle in the Malnad. Ordinary domestic cattle when straying are not found in large numbers nor do they stay long in any one estate. They can easily be caught and impounded.

Per Contra, Mr. Pilkington of the North Mysore Planters' Association stated that so far as he was aware there had been no wanton destruction of cattle anywhere.

Reply of Government.—If cattle trespassing are semi-wild and cannot be caught, notice is given under the rules and if no one comes forward to claim them, shooting is permitted. No general permission is given as alleged. Applications made to Magistrates in this behalf and permission granted, have referrence to particular herds straying at the time. Instances of violation of the rule, if any, may be brought to the notice of the District Magistrate.

Subject No. 39. Sale of land by Civil Courts.

Summary of discussion.—Sales of land in satisfaction of decrees should be held at the head-quarters of taluks instead of in the court premises, the latter being in many cases so far away from the residences of persons interested in bidding that such persons generally absent themselves with the result that no proper bids are forthcoming.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to subject No. 81 of 1892. The courts have the power to make the order required on application by parties concerned.